



Congressman Kim's Guide to Grants – December 2022

Welcome to the Third Congressional District's December Guide to Grants! As 2022 draws to a close, we want to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to uplifting our community. We look forward to working closely with you in 2023 and supporting more of your great initiatives throughout the year. As always, we hope that this grant newsletter is helpful to you.

APPLYING FOR A FEDERAL GRANT? PLEASE REACH OUT FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Don't forget, you can now request a letter of support online [here](#).

Check out our [Grants webpage](#) for more information.

GRANT SUCCESS STORY:

Congressman Kim was pleased to announce that the Burlington County Institute of Technology will receive over \$1.8 million in federal grant funding to expand behavioral and mental health services and implement cultural competency and implicit bias training. The Congressman was proud to help deliver this funding and looks forward to the positive impact it will have for students and their families.

President of the BCIT School District, Tyler J. Burrell.

"The BCIT Board is grateful for the support from Congressman Kim in securing more than \$1.8 million in federal funds for School Based Trauma Support Services," These funds will allow BCIT to provide significant behavioral and mental health support services to the over 2,000 BCIT students and their families/caregivers. Given the challenging climate faced by today's students, we welcome the opportunity to provide these critical mental health resources."

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our Recent Webinar: Navigating Over-The-Counter Hearing Aid Options

On December 7th, Congressman Kim was joined by a panel of experts to discuss new over-the-counter hearing aid options and share information people should know to choose the option best for them.

Topics discussed included:

- Who will benefit from OTC Hearing Aids?
- Does Medicare/Medicaid cover any of these costs?
- What should I know about the various options and prices available?
- What other resources does NJ offer for deaf/hard of hearing residents?

Don't worry if you missed us live, you can watch a recording of this webinar on [our Youtube page](#).

If you any additional questions after watching the webinar, don't hesitate to reach out!

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, DEADLINES, AND RESOURCES

U.S. Administration for Community Living National Council on Aging (NCOA)

The NCOA will award vaccine grants to local organizations to implement a nationwide campaign to ensure older adults and people with disabilities get the latest COVID and flu vaccines.

Eligible organizations that may apply include:

- Senior centers
- Community centers
- Local community organizations that serve, support, and include older adults and people with disabilities
- Faith-based organizations that serve, support, and include older adults and people with disabilities
- Governmental agencies
- Other federally recognized nonprofit organizations

For more information click [HERE](#)

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until March 1, 2023, or until funds are exhausted. Project start dates can begin in early January 2023 and close as late as April 15, 2024.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Rural Development Grants

USDA Rural Development will make \$300 million available under the Rural Energy for America Program to expand renewable energy and support energy-efficient projects. Funding includes \$250 million from the Inflation Reduction Act.

Projects include funding for Infrastructure, Telecommunication, and Transportation, and Emergency Health Grants.

To learn more about these opportunities with links to individual grants click [HERE](#)

To learn if your town is eligible to receive a Rural Development Grant, contact Lynette Whiteman at lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov

National Endowment for the Arts

Guidelines and application materials for [Grants for Arts Projects \(GAP\)](#) and [Challenge America](#) funding are now available. The National Endowment for the Arts supports projects in any part of the nation's 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. jurisdictions.

Grants for Arts Projects is NEA's largest grants program for organizations, providing expansive funding opportunities for communities across the nation in a wide range of artistic disciplines.

Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines to reach historically underserved groups/communities with rich and dynamic artistic cultural contributions.

Visit arts.gov/news/events for information on upcoming guidelines webinars, including a [Grants for Arts Projects webinar](#) on January 11, 2023.

Department of Veteran Affairs Supportive Services for Veterans Families

For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance. For more information about this opportunity click [HERE](#)

Application is open until February 10, 2023

VA Homeless Providers Grants and Per Diem Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funding for new grants under the Per Diem Only (PDO) grant component of the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program to reduce homelessness among Veterans.

Applications for assistance are being accepted from eligible entities to provide per diem payments for facilitating housing stabilization for Veterans experiencing homelessness. Funding will support PDO transitional supportive housing bed models and service centers. These PDO service models are designed to meet different Veteran populations at various stages as they move to stable housing.

For More Information Click [HERE](#)

Application is open until February 6, 2023

**United State Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women**

This program was created to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports the following activities for improving the capacity of courts and communities to respond to families affected by the targeted crimes: court-based and court-related programs; supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents; training for people who work with families in the court system; civil legal services; and the provision of resources in juvenile court matters.

For more information click [HERE](#)

Application is open until February 13, 2023

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program 2023 Request for Proposals**

NFWF and partners are pleased to solicit applications for the 2023 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. This grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Approximately \$1.6 million will be awarded in grants nationwide.

For More Information click [HERE](#)

For local waterways that will receive priority click [HERE](#)

Application is open until January 31, 2023

HELPFUL DISABILITY RESOURCE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Last week the U.S. Department of Justice announced that it launched a new and improved version of its Americans with Disabilities Act website, [ada.gov](https://www.ada.gov). The updated version of the

website is designed to serve the public more effectively and help expand access for people with disabilities.

The website works well with mobile devices, includes easy-to-use navigation tools, and is written in plain language.

More information is available [here](#).

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON - GIVE THE GIFT OF APPRECIATION

Every month our office shares a Service Spotlight, highlighting individuals and their contributions to our communities and nation. This commitment to service inspires us and we are excited to share these stories with you.

This December, we were honored to highlight Frances McInerney and her work with the Greater New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. You can read her story as well as all our past Service Spotlight's [here](#).

If you would like to nominate an incredible person, group, or organization serving our community, click [here](#).

NONPROFIT TIP OF THE MONTH FROM CANDID

What are nonprofit explainer videos and is the cost to produce worth it?

Nonprofit explainer videos are meant to be informative and showcase your mission in a clear, concise, and engaging way. These short films, which take viewers on a journey into the specifics of your work in 90 seconds or less, have many benefits. However, to create an impactful video with engaging graphics, you may need to pay a professional company to produce.

To learn more about this topic - Click [HERE](#)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

As always, we encourage you to reach out to our office if there is we can support your efforts. Our Director of Grants Lynette stands ready to help and can be reached at lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov.

Reach out if we can assist with:

- Writing a Letter of Support to accompany your Federal Grant Requests
- Connecting you with a Federal Grant Congressional Liaison to answer questions that may not be covered in the Notice of Funding Opportunity

- For some Federal Grants, obtaining a review and feedback if your grant was denied, so your next application is stronger
- Working with our Congressional Liaisons to do research to see if there is a Federal Grant that would fund your proposed project or grant

Please feel free to share this e-newsletter with any colleagues or nonprofits that you think will benefit. They can also sign up for our newsletter(s) [here](#).

We hope you are enjoying the holidays with loved ones. As we reflect on this past year and our successes, we look forward to all that we can accomplish for our community in 2023 and the challenges we can overcome together. Thank you for your dedication and our continued partnerships!

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

The Office of Congressman Andy Kim

